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SUBJECT: POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MOSCOW

SUMMARY: PRAVDA OF JAN 6 CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT OF JAN 3-5 VISIT OF POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK TO MOSCOW.  
ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT (NOT IDENTIFIED AS COMMUNIQUE),  
TALKS WERE COMRADELY AND WARM AND REVEALED FULL AGREEMENT OF  
VIEWS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT GIVES FEW CLUES AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS, BUT IT APPEARS THAT ECONOMIC MATTERS AND TIGHTER WARSAW PACT UNITY MAY HAVE BEEN MAIN THEMES, ALONG WITH POLISH BRIEFING ON PRESIDENT'S VIST. END SUMMARY.

1. TOJTASZEK ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON JAN 3, MET WITH GROMYKO ON JAN 3 AND 4 AND SPENT A DAY IN LENINGRAD AND LEFT THE USSR ON JAN 5. ON JAN 3 GROMYKO HELD A LUNCHEON IN WOJASZEK'S HONOR WHICH WAS ATTENDED ON THE SOVIET SIDE BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR, M.A. LESECHKO, MINISTER OF COAL INDUSTRY B.F. BRATCHENKO, MINISTER OF FISHERIES A.A. ISHKOV, MINISTER OF INSTRUMENT MAKING, AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT, AND CONTROL SYSTEMS K.N. RUDNEV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF SECTION OF THE CC OF THE CPSU O.B. RAKHMANIN, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO POLAND S.A. PILOTOVICH, "AND OTHER OFFICIAL PERSONAGES". ON THE POLISH SIDE THE LUNCHEON WAS ATTENDED BY THE POLISH AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR Z. NOWAK AND WOTJASZEK'S PARTY.

2. IT IS UNCLEAR FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT WHY TOJTASZEK SHOULD HAVE COME TO MOSCOW ONLY TWO AND A HALF MONTHS AFTER GROMYKO WAS IN WARSAW TO MEET WITH GIEREK. ONE SUBJECT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WARSAW PACK POSITIONS BOTH AT BELGRADE AND AT MBFR TALKS. SOVIET PLANNING FOR FUTURE COORDINATION OF ACTION IN THESE AREAS IS SUGGESTED BY TWO REFERENCES IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE UNITY OF THE "SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH", WITH STRESS PLACED ON THE "STRENGTHENING OF SOLIDARITY" AS WELL AS "CLOSE COORDINATION OF ACTIONS" PARTICULARLY RELATING TO EUROPEAN SECURITY. THESE LATTER STATEMENTS DID NOT APPEAR IN THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTING GROMYKO'S OCTOBER 1977 VISIT TO POLAND AND MAY REFLECT SOVIET CONCERN OVER PACT PERFORMANCE IN THESE AREAS.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WOJASZEK VISIT STATES THAT SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUES CAME UP. THE TWO SIDES SUPPORTED STEPS TO STRENGTHEN DETENTE AND VARIOUS SOVIET DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES (CTB AND MORATORIUM ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB, AND NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE). UNLIKE THE COMMUNIQUE OF LAST OCTOBER WHICH CONTAINED A LONG PARAGRAPH NOTING WITH APPROVAL PROGRESS MADE IN

SALT, THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOJASZEK'S VISIT  
MAKES NO REFERENCE TO SALT.

4. THE TWO SIDES USED BOTH THEIR SPEECHES AT THE GROMYKO-HOSTED LUNCHEON AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT TO REAFFIRM SOVIET POSITIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, EMPHASIZING NECESSITY OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORY OCCUPIED IN 1967, ACHIEVEMENT OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CREATE THEIR OWN STATE, AND THE SECURING OF THE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO AN INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE AND TO SECURITY. BOTH SIDES CONDEMNED SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS AND CALLED FOR RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

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5. COMMENT: LITTLE OR NO SENSE OF URGENCY IS SUGGESTED IN THIS VISIT AND, AS WITH THE AWARDING OF THE ORDER OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION ON JAN 5 TO GIEREK, THE PURPOSE WAS PROBABLY TO ENGAGE IN A SHOW OF UNITY WITH THE POLISH COMRADES AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO WARSAW. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE POLES GAVE A FULL BRIEFING ON THE VISIT. THE PRESENCE OF THE VARIOUS SOVIET MINISTERS AT THE LUNCHEON ON JAN 3 DOES SUGGEST THAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS MAY HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS, WITH MAJOR TOPICS BEING THE EXPANSION OF THE POLISH COAL INDUSTRY TO MEET GROWING ENERGY DEMANDS, POLISH FISHERY PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE APPLICATION OF A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, AND (PERHAPS) SOME DEFENSE-INDUSTRY RELATED PROBLEMS.

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